

Municipal Complex 500 Mill Road Absecon, New Jersey 08201

Municipal Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL

June 19, 2014

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

AGENDA

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Reverend David Cobb Absecon Presbyterian Church

ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

PRESENTATION - Assemblyman Chris Brown

REPORTS

Council Committees

Mayor

Administrator

Chief Financial Officer

Clerk Engineer

PUBLIC PORTION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

- 127 Calling for the restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities.
- Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program for the Absecon Creek Recreational Pathway.
- Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2014 Safe Routes To School Program for the Absecon Community School Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$ 1,340,333.96

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 6/5/2014 Closed Session as to form and content only – 6/5/2014

PUBLIC PORTION

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 127-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUMBISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE ABSECON CREEK RECREATIONAL PATHWAY

WHEREAS, there is a need for bicycle and pedestrian recreational facilities along Absecon Creek within the City of Absecon; and

WHEREAS, funds for bicycle and pedestrian facilities are available to the City of Absecon under the New Jersey Department of Transportation federal-aid Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Absecon formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as <u>TA-2014-Absecon City-00162</u> to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Absecon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Absecon and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Dated: June 19, 2014

This is to certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Absecon at a Regular Meeting held June 19, 2014

ATTEST:						
	Carie	Α.	Crone.	RMC.	Municipal Clerk	

RESOLUTION 128-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUMBISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE ABSECON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, there is a need for pedestrian infrastructure safety improvements at certain locations surrounding the Absecon Community School Complex; and

WHEREAS, funds for pedestrian infrastructure improvements are available to the City of Absecon under the New Jersey Department of Transportation federal-aid Safe Routes to School Program; and

WHEREAS, an application must be filed with the New Jersey Department of Transportation in order to be considered for said funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Absecon formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the firm of Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as <u>SRS-I-2014-Absecon City-00163</u> to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Absecon.

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RESOLUTION 129-2014

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to over-ride the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policy makers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by using tactics such as reducing CMPTRA, which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, from \$72 million in State Fiscal Year 2005, to \$505 million in State Fiscal Year 2011, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (SFY 2009, 2010 and 2011), funding for municipal revenue replacement was slashed by about \$26 million in 2008 and \$32 million in 2009, followed by losses of about \$271 million in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use for these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services.

NOW THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Governing Body of Absecon, that we join with the League of Municipalities in calling for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, respectfully, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, our State Legislators and the League of Municipalities.

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TO:	NJ AUTY MONT ABSI FOR PART 4 CHECK AMOUNT	AUTOWATED MUNICIPAL SYSTEM MONTHLY CASHBOOK REPORT ABSECON MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014 T 4 - DISBURSEMENT CHECKS T ADDRESS	CHECK NUMBER	PAGE: CROSS-REF W/BANKSTMT
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RE: AUTOMATION FEE - AF ATS MODERNIZATION FUND - AM TOTAL ATS SURCHARGES	\$202.00	AOC AIS SURCHARGE SECTION P.O. BOX 980 TRENTON, NJ 08625	DO NOT SEND CHECK- SENT VIA ACH	
Atlantre Split	\$3,967.02	COUNTY TREASURER	1166	
TREASURER, CITY OF CRIMINAL FINES, COSTS, LOCAL PARKING, CONTEMPT, CRIMINAL BAIL FORFEITURE, ADDITIONAL PENALTIES, GENERAL FEES, UNREFUNDED OVERPAYMENTS, PUBLIC DEFENDER, PLAINTIFF COSTS, SPINAL MUNICIPAL, DWI SURCHARGE & UC CODE	\$9,686.50	CITY OF ABSECEN	1167	
ASURER, CITY OF PERCEN. PARKING OFFENSES ADJUDICATION ACT (\$2.00 FTA FEE - PA)	\$6.00	CITY OF ABSECON	1168	
OF NEW JERSEY	\$740.00	VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION BOARD DO NOT SEND P.O. BOX 34090 NEWARK, NJ 07189-0090 VIA ACH	DO NOT SEND CHECK- SENT VIA ACH	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	\$695.00	GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM/ DRUG ABUSE P.O. BOX 345 TRENTON, NJ 08625	DO NOT SEND CHECK- SENT VIA ACH	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY LAB FEES - FLF (SL)	\$50.00	GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM/ DRUG ABUSE P.O. BOX 345 TRENTON, NJ 08625	DO NOT SEND CHECK- SENT VIA ACH	
REASURER, COUNTY OF RE: COUNTY LAB FEES - (CL)	00°s	N/A		

Range: Block: First

to Last

Range of Accounts: First to Last

Lot:

Qual:

Range of Codes: 001 to 044

Range of Batch Ids: First to Last

Range of Sections: First to Last Range of Spec Tax Codes: First to Last

Payment Type Includes:

Tax: Y

Sp Charges: Y

Animal: N

Misc: Y

Range of Years: First to 2015 Range of Periods: 1 to 12

Range of Dates: 05/01/14 to 05/30/14

Name to Print: Bill To

Print Ref Num: N Print Utility w/Block/Lot/Qual: N

Sp Assmnt: Y Sewer: Y

Payment Method Includes:

Cash: Y

Check: Y

Credit: Y

Lien: Y

Range of Installment Due Dates: First to Last

Print Miscellaneous w/Block/Lot/Qual: N Print Only Miscellaneous w/Block/Lot/Qual: N

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Code	Description	Count	Arrears/Other	2013	2014	2015	Pnlty/Intr	Total
001	Property Taxes	2586	0.00	250.00	3,044,496.15	0.00	5,199.65	3,049,945.80
38	Taxes – Subsequent	26	0.00	0.00	54,140.57	0.00	715.67	54,856.24
	Tax Payments	2612	0.00	250.00	3,098,636.72	0.00	5,915.32	3,104,802.04
)44	SUB.CUT & CLEAN	2	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
	Sp Charges Payments	2	0.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
35	OUTSIDE LIEN REDEMPT	21	6,530.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.71	6,654.61
36	OUTSIDE LIEN FEES	. 9	364.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.00
	Lien Payments	30	6,894.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.71	7,018.61
02	Sewer Rental	277	5.00	0.00	33,443.00	0.00	1,135.00	34,583.00
37	Sewer - Subsequent	83	0.00	0.00	8,212.00	0.00	415.00	8,627.00
	Sewer Payments	360	5.00	0.00	41,655.00	0.00	1,550.00	43,210.00
07	Charges for Copies	4	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
14	Duplicate Bill	2	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
15	Sewer Bad Check Fee	1	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
17	Tax Bad Check Fee	2	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
	Misc Payments	9	82.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.00
24	NSF CHECK - TAX	3	0.00	0.00	36,153,91-	0.00	1,586.52-	37,740.43-
	Tax NSF	3	0.00	0.00	36,153.91-	0.00	1,586.52-	37,740.43-
25	NSF CHECK - SEWER	1	0.00	0.00	198.00-	0.00	10.00-	208.00-
	Sewer NSF	1	0.00	0.00	198.00-	0.00	10.00-	208.00-
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	Payments Total:	3013	6,981.90	520.00	3,140,291.72	0.00	7,589.03	3,155,382.65

CITY OF ABSECON CITY

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE & CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

May, 2014

		Month	Yea	ar to Date
	# permits	Fees	# permits	Fees
BUILDING PERMITS	25	\$3,751.00	78	11,244.00
PLUMBING PERMITS	14	666.00	49	2,304.00
ELECTRIC PERMITS	19	1,534.00	71	4,971.00
FIRE PERMITS	8	450.00	32	1,795.00
ELEVATOR PERMITS	0	-	0	-
CERT OCCUPANCY	0	-	2	170.00
DCA FEES	37	438.00	136	1,491.00
CONTRACTOR LIC	11	25.00	6	150.00
ZONING PERMITS	6	90.00	20	300.00
CERT CONT OCCUP	18	635.00	72	2,675.00
CERT OF COMP	4	200.00	4	200.00
PENALTY	0	-	0	_
ADMIN FEES	0	-	1	49.00
ELEVATOR INSPECTION	0	-	0	-
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Total Fees		\$7,789.00		25,349.00
Total Paid Out		\$438.00		1,491.00
Total Net Fees	\$7,351.00		23,858.00	
Total Construction Cost	l	\$244,676.00		855,509.00

Respectfully submitted:

Loretta Knisel / Technical Asst.

cc: Admin./City Clerk/C.F.O./Const.Official